



West and south entrance of Machine Shop, Richmond Shipyard #3. 1999. (Ray Murray)



Interior of Machine Shop, Richmond Shipyard #3. 1999. (Ray Murray)

(Photographs not included in this pdf version)



During World War II, the Ford Assembly Plant was converted from auto production to processing 60,000 tanks and other combat vehicles. (Richmond Museum of History Collection)

West side of the quarter-mile long Ford Assembly Building which is on the National Register of Historic Places. 1999. (Ray Murray)



The west side of the Craneway of the Ford Assembly Building from Sheridan Observation Point. 1999. (Ray Murray)



Craneway interior of Ford Assembly Building — future site of WWII Home Front Visitor Center. 1999. (Ray Murray)





Historic Whirley crane at
Richmond Shipyard.
1999. (Ray Murray)





Kitchen at day care center with original equipment. 1999. (Ray Murray)



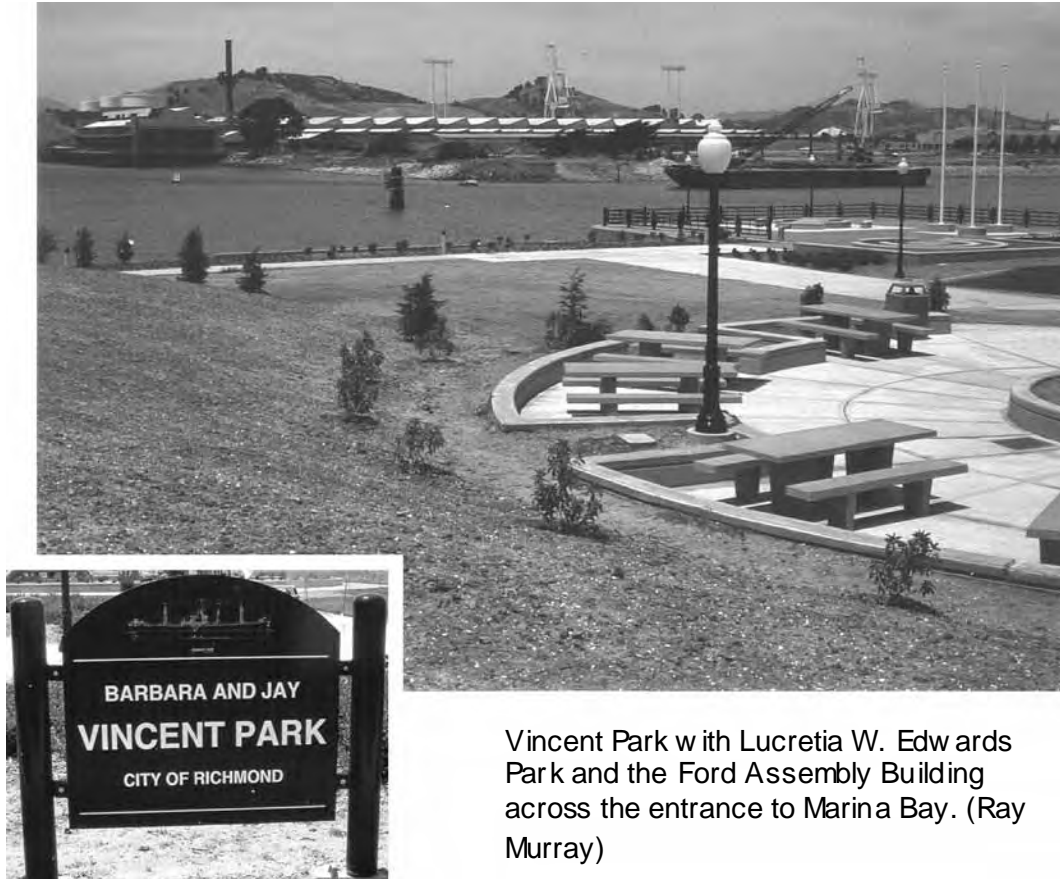
Historic Atchison Village Housing Co-op. 1999. (Ray Murray)



Original Kaiser Permanente Field Hospital at Cutting Blvd. 1999. (Ray Murray)



Fire Station #67A built to serve the Richmond Shipyard. 1999. (Ray Murray)



Vincent Park with Lucretia W. Edwards Park and the Ford Assembly Building across the entrance to Marina Bay. (Ray Murray)



The Liberty Ship Memorial in Vincent Park. "Shipyard Stories" Interpretive panels are installed on the smoke stack replica. (Ray Murray)



South side of Lucretia W. Edwards Park prior to development. (Ray Murray)



Vincent Park with Lucretia W. Edwards Park and the Ford Assembly Building in the background. Riprap is being installed along the Lucretia W. Edwards Park shoreline. (Ray Murray)

60,000 tanks plus other combat vehicles including Army trucks, half-tracks tank destroyers, personnel carriers, scout cars, amphibious tanks, lift trucks, snow plows, and bomb lift trucks. The FAB is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Richmond has contracted with Forest City Development for rehabilitation of the building primarily for work/live adaptive re-use. The City will eventually transfer title of the building to Forest City. Based on compliance with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Forest City will retain and stabilize the historic facades, roofline, craneway, the boiler room, and other distinguishing historic features. Forest City is willing to improve and provide space for a 7,000–9,000 sq. ft. World War II Home Front visitor/education center in the craneway facing on San Francisco Bay. The FAB is 561,000 sq. ft. and a quarter-mile long. The visitor/education center and exhibits would provide all-weather, multi-media orientation and education programs on the World War II Home Front themes in Richmond, the Bay Area and nationwide. The craneway, if properly designed for adaptive reuse, affords a prime indoor public space for events, celebrations and residents and visitors on a scale that the City does not presently have.

- 3.) An adjacent building, referred to as the Oil House, served the FAB and shares the same architecture and is also on the National Register. The Oil House is slated to be preserved and adaptively reused by the City for offices and a Conference Center, which could compliment the adjacent Visitor/Education Center.
- 4.) John J. Sheridan Observation Point Lookout (.5 acre) — Adjacent to the FAB and the entrance to Harbor Channel. This is where the Red and White Ferry Terminal Dock (F) is located and faces on to the Bay and Richmond Shipyard #3 across the Harbor Channel. The Ferry Terminal Office will be located just inside the west end of the Craneway of the Ford Assembly Building.
- 5.) An original 98,000-square foot Kaiser Permanente Field Hospital built to serve shipyard workers on Cutting Blvd. — There is interest in maintaining this structure to help interpret the development of Kaiser Permanente health care during World War II.
- 6.) Two original World War II-era Day Care Centers that are little changed from that period — Maritime Child Development Center on Florida Ave. and Ruth C. Powers Child Development Center on Cutting Blvd.
- 7.) Atchison Village housing was used during World War II for workers and is currently being managed as a "mutual housing cooperative," but little changed from the World War II period.
- 8.) The 455-ft. S.S. Red Oak Victory Ship was built nearby at Richmond Shipyard #1. The ship is owned and being restored, operated, maintained, and interpreted by the Richmond Museum Association, Inc. The recommended favored permanent mooring site is at the entrance to Harbor Channel near Sheridan Observation Point Park and the Ford Assembly Building.